

3-27-97

# VALLEY STAR

LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

Volume 50, Issue 8

Thursday, March 27, 1997

## HIGHLIGHTS

The LAVC Jazz Band, directed by Woody James, will present a concert in Music Room 112 today at 11 a.m.

There will be no classes Friday in observance of the Cesar Chavez holiday. Colleges and district offices will be open.

The Spring Vacation will begin Monday and continue through April 5.

ASU officer elections are scheduled for April 9 and 10. Several offices are available, including President. Applications are available in room 100A of the Campus Center. The deadline is April 4.

There will be free and anonymous HIV testing offered at the student Health Clinic April 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; April 14, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The 20th anniversary of the Health Fair Expo will be held at Valley College April 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free health screenings and counseling will be available. For more information call the Health Fair Hotline at 1-800-488-Expo (3976).

For brochures and a list of Los Angeles Community College District Summer 1997 programs in other countries, call the International Education Program at (213) 891-2282. Thirteen programs offering transferable credit are offered in cities from various countries such as Paris, Prague, Berlin and many others. Classes include art, theater, Spanish, French, Italian, marine biology and creative writing.

## POLICE WATCH

A man collapsed on campus near the track March 19 of possible heat stroke and heart attack. Paramedics took the man to North Hollywood Medical Center for medical care. The man was about 60-70 years old, was wearing a blue jogging suit and had no identification. His identity is not yet known and he is listed in the hospital as John Doe.

Two automobiles were burglarized while parked in lot D Tuesday. The first occurrence happened between 10 a.m. and noon with the vehicle apparently being accessed by use of a slimjim. A stereo and parking pass were removed with no visible damage to the vehicle.

The second occurrence happened between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The vehicle was also apparently accessed by use of a slimjim. A stereo cassette player was taken and there was no apparent damage to the vehicle.

A wallet was stolen from a purse in the library Wednesday by a person or persons unknown. The wallet was stolen at 9:30 a.m. when the owner left her purse on the floor unattended. Credit cards, \$10 and a check book were lost.

Information provided by Campus Police.

## Debates Kick Off ASU Elections

By ALICE GARABEDIAN  
STAR REPORTER

Debates for the upcoming Associated Student Union elections were held Wednesday in Monarch Square with only candidates as the audience.

Six of the 12 candidates gave very short statements regarding their ideas of improvement for Valley College.

The two candidates for president are Lorenzo Trujillo and Joel Feldman.

"I would like to finish off what I couldn't last time I was president," Trujillo said. "I would like to ac-

commodate the Fireside Room with at least two computers and have the clubs have priority over them, and televisions in the cafeteria."

Trujillo is in his third year at Valley College and is working toward an AA in fire science and communication, he said. Trujillo was ASU president in 1995, when he fought on behalf of Valley College to keep tuition costs down and won that battle, he said.

Trujillo said that he wants to advertise ASU to let students know what is going on with their government.

"I do not dislike Lorenzo," Feldman said. "I just disagree with

his campaign."

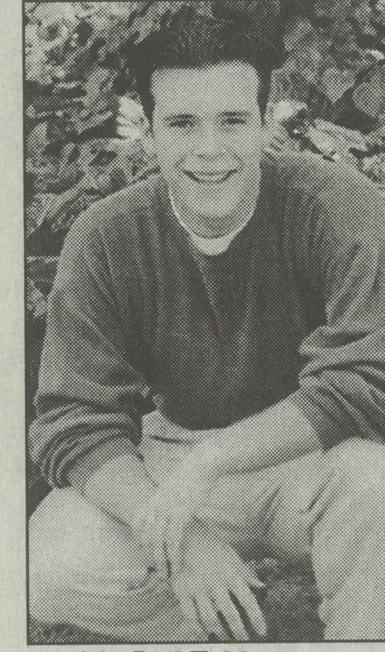
Feldman said that he is new to the ASU government, but is interested in doing a lot for the students, including motivating campus involvement.

"One word, communication," Feldman said. "Try to let people know what is going on. There was no one here today and I want to change that."

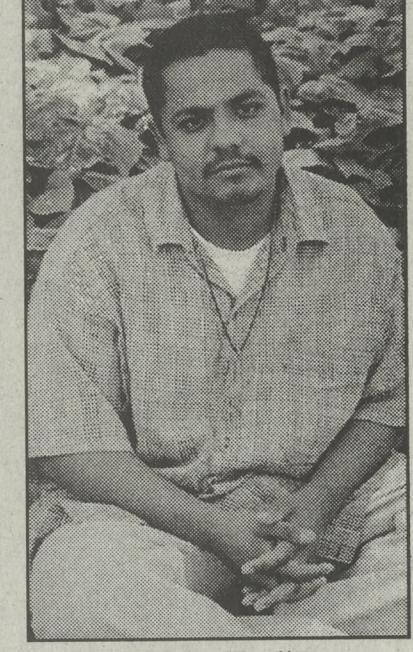
Feldman said that he does not think that the office of president is a job that he should do by himself and wants to rally student participation.

"I also want to tackle bookstore costs," Feldman said, and proposed offering more paper-backed

See Debate Page 3



Joel Feldman  
Running for ASU President



Lorenzo Trujillo  
Running for ASU President



(Above) Valley College Speech Team members (from left) Mike Kalustian, William Amaya, Jason Baumwirt and Holly Prevost ride atop a double-decker bus while touring London, England the day before the International Speech Tournament.

(Left) Team members Ginger Takeshita and Margaret Lee-Huh hug for a London snapshot. "We're an affectionate group," Takeshita said. "We hug a lot."

## Speech Team Takes London By Storm

By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Valley College speech team took London by storm last week with two first place wins at the International Speech Tournament for the English-speaking world. But, they didn't stop there. To add to the five other international awards they nabbed in London, England, the team immediately turned around and captured three gold, two silver and seven bronze medals as well as the coveted "Top Speaker" award at the California State Championships in Pasadena.

Back at Valley College on the bulletin board in the speech team bungalow, there's a message: "This is all the time we have left. No more f—kn' around!!! It is now time to work."

Next to that message are photos of horrific bloody tortures and rotting heads on spikes. Director Yancy Duncan points to the photos and says, "People who didn't practice."

Apparently, the team practiced.

See Speech Page 2

## Campaign Heats Up for Community College Board

By LIZ BARRETT  
STAR REPORTER

The primary nominating and consolidated elections are being held on April 8. Voters will choose a new mayor for Los Angeles and a new Los Angeles Community College District board of trustees. Statements were given by candidates on their goals and vision for the district:

### Office 2:

Charles Bergson- Civil engineer: "This board is not doing its job! I will return the College District to its purpose of educating the community, will reverse the declining enrollment and will change the admissions policy to open the colleges to immigrants of Mexican origin."

Elizabeth Garfield- Member of the board of trustees and Andrew Kim-Lawyer, community advocate, not available for comment.

### Office #4:

Kelly Candaele- Community college teacher:

"If elected, I want to help the colleges grow by updating the curriculum and the technology in schools. I want to decentralize the decision making process and help prepare college students to go from welfare to work."

Patrick Prinster- Professor, businessman, attorney:

"The community college district student population is well below maximum capacity. I propose to dramatically increase the number of students

in the district by developing classes that will attract new students, thereby increasing the funding provided by the state to the district."

Marilyn Grunwald- Businesswoman/education activist:

"My main focus is to let people know that we exist. Most people don't even realize that we are governed by a board of trustees. This is not a two meeting a month job. The trustees need to take a hands on approach at each college and bring people together to get things done."

Ross Moen- Los Angeles Police Lieutenant:

"Education must be a priority. I am committed to improving the community college system and achieving excellence in education."

Richard Yanez- Children's social worker:

Not available for comment.

### Office #6:

Nancy Pearlman- Community college instructor:

"I want to make the Los Angeles Community College District a model of two-year college education. Experience in working with the students will translate into addressing their concerns- lower fees, more classes and bringing in donations of computers, books and other resources."

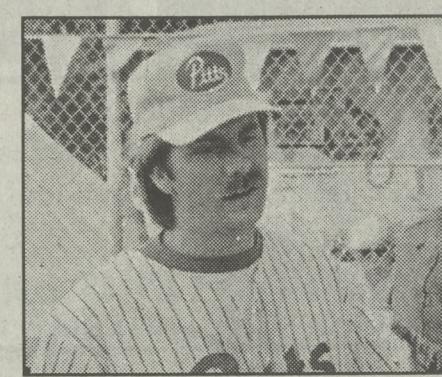
Stephen Brecht- Estate planner, author:

"Our L.A. Community Colleges are vital community resources that are being wasted and neglected. They are the one and only hope for a higher education that many will ever have. I believe Proposition BB is a poorly crafted disaster waiting to happen. We haven't seen any money from the other propositions that were supposed to bring funds to the schools, so why would we now?"

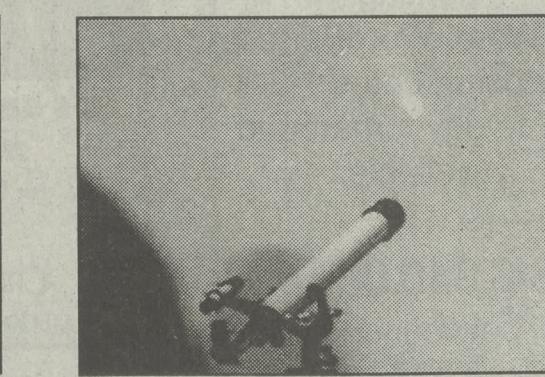
Althea Baker- Community college trustee:

"My vision is to assist the colleges to address current needs to build new facilities, restore facilities on our campuses, and provide the latest advances in computer equipment and learning technologies for students facing the twenty-first century."

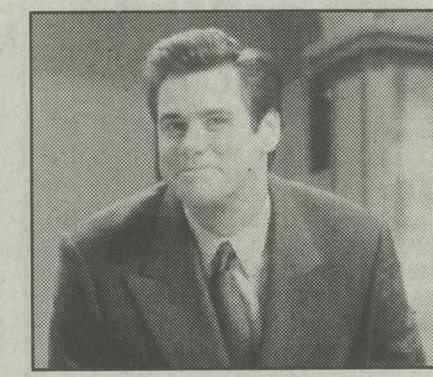
Eli Green-Oil worker, was not available for comment



Celebrity Jeff Foxworthy slugs it out at Valley.



Brilliant Comet Hale-Bopp outshines them all.



Actor Jim Carey tells no lies.



Valley swimmers stroke towards State Championships.

Page 5

Page 3

Page 5

Page 6

# NEWS

2 Thursday, March 27, 1997

Valley Star

## Speech Team Racks Up Awards Overseas and Back Home

Continued from Page 1

Valley College Speech Team members captured a total of seven international awards. Holly Prevost won first place in Prose Interpretation and second place in Persuasive Speaking. Jason Baumwirt conquered first place in After Dinner Speaking. Margaret Lee-Huh took fifth in Persuasive Speaking, and Mike Kalustian and Ginger Takeshita were both Semi-Finalist in Prose.

As a team, Valley College ranked fifth in the world in the Overall Sweepstakes.

It is the first time Valley College has ever competed in the international arena. Thirty-six colleges and universities from the U.S. and five European nations, including the famed Oxford University, competed in the tournament by invitation only from the International Forensics Association.

"It was an honor to be asked to compete on this level," Duncan said. "Valley came the farthest than anyone else in the tournament." No other college nor university from California attended the world event, he said.

Last year, Valley College ranked in the top ten in the U.S. In September, a representative from the IFA visited coaches from top programs and Valley College was invited to compete at the international tournament, Duncan said.

The students had to earn a chance to compete in London.

"Whoever scored the most points by the end of the Fall '96 semester would go to London, so they had a real goal, something to shoot for," Duncan said. The points were gathered by the awards they won at each tournament until that time. For instance, ten points for first place, eight points for second and so on. The seven team members with the most points won the privilege to compete in London.

"The chance of going is a chance of a lifetime. I don't think I would have been able to do something like it in another college program," Takeshita said.

Before the competitions began, the team toured London and the English country-side.

"To be somewhere with such deep and long-reaching history, it was fascinating for them to see," Duncan said.

The team visited the ancient ruins of the world-famed Stonehenge and the medieval towns of Salisbury and Bath. They also took in some London theater, including, "Miss Saigon," and went on a walking tour about Jack-the-Ripper.

"As a team, we congratulate other schools, too. That's a good team spirit and it shows that people from Valley College are good sports."

- Ginger Takeshita

"It was dark and cold with an

erie fog floating around," Baumwirt said about the walk.

After touring, things got serious for the two days of competitions at the Strand Palace Hotel in the heart of the London theater district.

"What people don't realize is, it's not just about speaking," Assistant Coach Jennifer Huss said. "It takes a lot of writing and performing talent, too." The speakers choose, research, write, develop and perform all their own speeches; and when they are being judged, they are being judged on a multi-talented level, she said.

"As a team, we congratulate other schools, too. That's a good team spirit and it shows that people from Valley College are good sports," Takeshita said. The team is very close and comradic and they enjoy cheering each other on, she said. "We find our strengths and work off of each other."

They congregated at the hotel pub and celebrated their victories before leaving London, but there was little rest for the exhausted team on the long flight home. "Yancy told us when we could and could not sleep. We would get on a plane and he would tell us 'You can't sleep, you have to practice,' so I would keep my eyes open and practice," Prevost said.

Duncan said that his plan was to help the students combat jet lag so they would do well at the California Championships. The team arrived at LAX late at night and

competed at the state championships the very next day.

Duncan's plan paid off, because the Valley team swept the tournament.

"We were the hot topic there," Duncan said. "Everyone said they were watching us to see how we'd do, since we just got back from London and were all so exhausted."

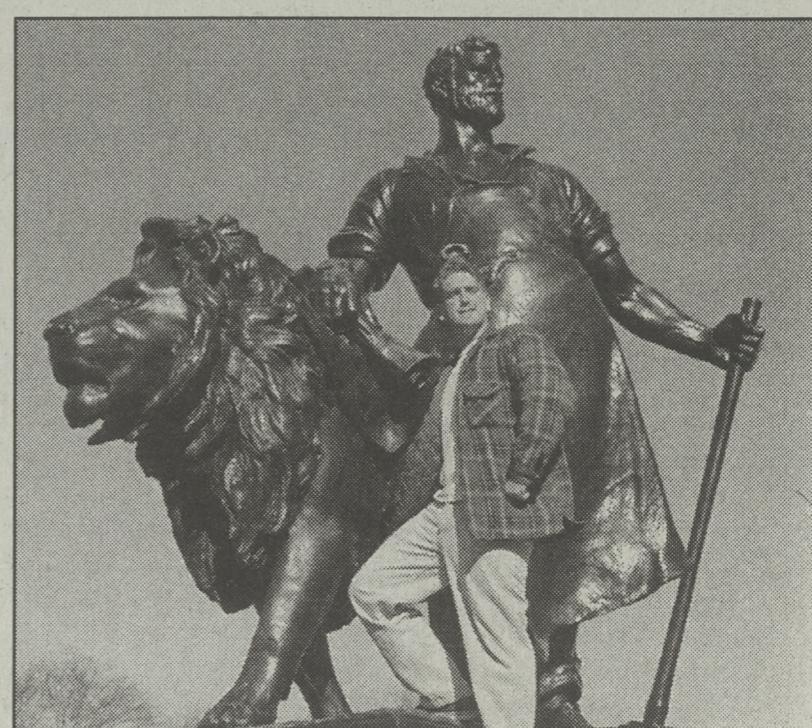
The fact is, a few hours later, there was no question how the team did.

Prevost won three gold medals in Persuasive Speaking, Prose Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation; William Amaya took a silver medal in Drama and a bronze medal in Prose Interpretation; Lee-Huh won a silver medal in Persuasive Speaking; Johanna Denis won a bronze medal in Drama Interpretation and Mercedes Cerillos and Takeshita both captured bronze medals in Poetry. Kristin Calabrese, Prevost and Denis won bronze medals in Readers' Theater.

Prevost was crowned with the highest honor in California as the best speaker in the state.

The team is on their way to Minneapolis next week to compete in the U.S. National Championships.

"The national tournament will be real test for us," Duncan said. "It's a long week and every single college program in the country will be competing." More than 150 colleges will compete in the nationals, the largest speech tournament in the U.S., he said.



Valley College Speech Team member Jason Baumwirt plays tourist in front of Buckingham Palace in London, England before he won a first place speaker award at the International Speech Tournament.

By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

year and the slacker's motto is not plan, start, finish, but wait, plan, plan.

Baumwirt said he thought his speech was a favorite because everyone can identify with it.

"It appeals to everybody, that's where the humor comes in. You smile and know it's you."

Baumwirt said he hates performing before a judge without an audience.

"There's nothing more nerve-racking than that, because I feed off the audience and their energy," he said.

Except for Hawaii, this was Baumwirt's first trip overseas.

"It was one of the best experiences I've ever had, getting an opportunity to go to a place I've always dreamed about going and to win, no less, was very exciting," he said.

Though Baumwirt loves talking, there was one point when he did none.

"Stonehenge was a moment for me. I was pretty much speechless. I was in total awe of it," he said.

The people in England were very different from LA, more caring, Baumwirt said; however, he did make another observation, "Our graffiti is much better than theirs."

Baumwirt said that a lot of people may have the wrong idea about the speech team and insists that they are certainly not a bunch of "geeks."

In addition to speech, Baumwirt is a sportsman who likes to play football and basketball with his buddies. He is also a summer lifeguard and teaches kids how to swim.

Baumwirt will continue with the Valley College speech team next year as a leader. He said he hopes to compete at the next international tournament in Lisbon, Portugal in '98 and get a scholarship out of his victorious participation in the team.

"I never thought I'd love it this much," Baumwirt said. "I thought it would be fun to do, but I found that I can do it and win. It's great to have something I know I'm really good at."

## Valley College Student Runs for District Office



By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Valley College student Wilma Monroe is campaigning for office as the Los Angeles Community College District student trustee.

The elections will be held concurrently on campus with the ASU elections April 9 and 10.

The student trustee will represent the nearly 150,000 students in the district which is comprised of nine community colleges, including Valley College.

Monroe is running against six other candidates from various col-

leges in the district, however, she is the only student running for the office from Valley College.

Presently, the student trustee may make motions on the LACCD Board of Trustees, but cannot vote. Monroe said that she will work to get the right to vote on the Board and thereby be a greater voice for the students.

"Without us [students], there would be no campuses," Monroe said. She said that the Board needs to be reminded of that. "The trustees have become lax and blended into the system."

She also said that the student

trustee needs to be more involved with all the district campuses.

"Once elected, I would like to visit the campuses on a regular basis, all nine of them, and hold 'town meetings' with the students, faculty and staff," Monroe said.

Monroe, who is presently Commissioner of Cultural Affairs with the Valley College ASU, said that most students do not know what is going on within their district or what issues are at hand.

"I want to be an advocate and spokesperson for the students to the Board," Monroe said. "That's my main goal, to bridge that gap."

Meanwhile, his Valley College teammates were going wild in the audience. Their Jason had just won first place in the international speech competition. He had proven that no one in the English-speaking world gives a better after dinner speech than he.

"It was such a surprise," Baumwirt said. "I ran down to the pub and got plastered before the awards ceremony because I thought I didn't win. Winning is very important to me."

He said he loves to talk and entertain and is not as conservative as some of his teammates. Apparently, conservatism is not required to be best in the world.

"We do different events that show our personalities," he said.

Baumwirt describes himself as a person who has to win, but "fun" could be his middle name.

And, funny? "I hope so," Baumwirt said. After all, entertaining is what an after dinner speech is all about and the judges must have been quite entertained.

"There exists a land known as Slacktobia," Baumwirt recited from the award-winning speech about procrastination that he wrote entirely himself, "where responsibility is unheard of." In his speech, he discusses the benefits of "slackitude," that he only got his Slacker Quarterly once last

There has not been much feedback from many organizations regarding participation, Monroe said. ASU officers have been attending club meetings trying to get participation.

"It is a time to express culture," Monroe said. "Let's us know who you are."

Students who wish to participate in or help organize the event may contact Monroe through the ASU at (818) 778-0361.

**Around the World in Five Days: Culture Fair Planned**

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ  
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College Associates Student Union will host Culture Week, a celebration of different cultures, April 7 - 11.

The festival will have a different theme each day, Wilma Monroe, ASU Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, said.

April 7, members of campus clubs will perform or speak about their organization and it's back-

ground.

April 8, there will be cultural and ethnic music performances. The Valley College Choir and members of the music department are scheduled to perform. The skits and music days will be held in Monarch Hall from 10 a.m. to noon.

April 9 will be international food court day. Food from different nations will be served. April 10

will be games day. Twister, sack

races, three legged races and other such games will be played in Monarch Square. April 11 will be a festive dance day.

The purpose of the celebration is to recognize and appreciate the different clubs and organizations that exist at Valley, Monroe said. The event will not only recognize, cultural and racial clubs, but any kind of club, she said.

"All are welcome to attend," Monroe said.

Monroe said that the student

trustee needs to be more involved with all the district campuses.

"Once elected, I would like to visit the campuses on a regular basis, all nine of them, and hold 'town meetings' with the students, faculty and staff," Monroe said.

Monroe, who is presently Commissioner of Cultural Affairs with the Valley College ASU, said that most students do not know what is going on within their district or what issues are at hand.

"I want to be an advocate and spokesperson for the students to the Board," Monroe said. "That's my main goal, to bridge that gap."

Meanwhile, his Valley College teammates were going wild in the audience. Their Jason had just won first place in the international speech competition. He had proven that no one in the English-speaking world gives a better after dinner speech than he.

"It was such a surprise," Baumwirt said. "I ran down to the pub and got plastered before the awards ceremony because I thought I didn't win. Winning is very important to me."

He said he loves to talk and entertain and is not as conservative as some of his teammates. Apparently, conservatism is not required to be best in the world.

"We do different events that show our personalities," he said.

Baumwirt describes himself as a person who has to win, but "fun" could be his middle name.

And, funny? "I hope so," Baumwirt said. After all, entertaining is what an after dinner speech is all about and the judges must have been quite entertained.

"There exists a land known as Slacktobia," Baumwirt recited from the award-winning speech about procrastination that he wrote entirely himself, "where responsibility is unheard of." In his speech, he discusses the benefits of "slackitude," that he only got his Slacker Quarterly once last

**Services:**

**Tutoring**

By English M.A. All

levels, all ages. Flexible

fees. Grammar, Lit.

Writing, ESL

Call: 818.763.7296

(msg.)



**TAKE ACTION NOW**

Reduce your "Victim Potential". Training in no frills Self Defense techniques and Urban Awareness. Increase stamina, body toning and conditioning. Discipline and confidence can be yours. Call 818.980.5089

**GOT A DEADLINE?**

IBM or Mac

Ink-jet color or laser

printing.

MS Word, WordPerfect,

Wordstar, Lotus 1-2-3

Same day turnaround

available.

**818.840.0444**

Call between 8:30 am to 9 pm only, please.

**A Woman's Choice**

**It's an important choice... make it an informed one!**

► Crisis Pregnancy Hotline

► Free Pregnancy Test

**818-830-1200**

**CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER**

All Our Services Are Free and Confidential

**TYING 4 U**

**Turn Your Written**

**Work Into A**

**TYPED PRESENTATION**

• SCHOOL PAPERS

• RESUMES

• LETTERS

• LEGAL

• OFFICE OVERFLOW

• SCRIPTS

**CALL JOANIE**

# NEWS/FEATURE

Valley Star

Thursday, March 27, 1997 3

## ASU Candidates Speak Out

The Valley College Associated Student Union Office provided the following candidate statements:

**Joel Feldman  
For ASU President**

If someone came up to you right now and asked if you could name your student council officers, could you? If someone came up to you and asked you where, when and how to vote, could you tell them? The odds are you might not.

My name is Joel Feldman and that is why I am running for ASU President. Together we can take care of business! Remember vote for yourself. Vote: Joel Feldman, ASU President

**Lorenzo Trujillo  
For ASU President**

I, Lorenzo Trujillo, am running for ASU President. I have served in ASU before as Commissioner, Treasurer and President. I would like to be your president one last time. As president, I will do my best to represent the voice of all student issues especially that dealing with tuition increase, advertising of school activities and all clubs on campus. I will try to get more funding for school departments and those in need. But most of all I will be the voice of all the student body at Valley College.

**Wilma Monroe for Commissioner of Cultural and Ethnic Affairs:**

Here at Los Angeles Valley College we have so many different cultures and ethnic groups. Each important, each unique. I would like to rid ourselves of the walls that keep us from broadening our awareness of each other. Let us work together, not losing our own identity, but learn to appreciate and accept each other's identity. When I look around this campus, I am reminded of a Jig Saw puzzle. Pieces over here, pieces over there. Because each piece has a specific purpose in the puzzle, all pieces are needed to complete the puzzle. Don't be that missing piece.

**Alison Scallorns for Commissioner of Evening Division:**

As Los Angeles Valley College Commissioner of Evening Division I pledge to be the most reliable person for evening students. To be informative, responsible and available for all students with needs and concerns at our college. I would also want to make all school events available to not only day but also night students. I believe in LAVC and all it has to offer, most especially our Associated Student Union. I believe in working hard to achieve your goals and know that I would be able to successfully accomplish those as your Commissioner of Evening Division.

**Colleen Flynn for Commissioner of Political Affairs:**

Do you want to know about federal, state and district legislation that affects you? If so, vote for me, Colleen Flynn for Commissioner of Political Affairs. If elected, I plan to help every Valley Student get informed and be able to get involved.

**Limor Isaaks for Commissioner of Public Relations:**

I, Limor Isaaks, am running for the position of Commissioner of Public Relations. I plan on working very closely with the students of Valley College and voicing their thoughts and concerns to the proper individuals. I also plan on having a poetry contest and/or an art contest to give students a chance to show their particular talents and be rewarded with helpful bookstore grants. I am really looking forward to working closely with the Commissioner of Athletics and Commissioner of Political Affairs to make this year's homecoming better than ever and to make this school prouder than ever! Great teams + great work = great results!

**Inetra Brazil for Commissioner of Student and Social Affairs:**

It is about giving it our all and fighting for what is necessary despite the barriers. We take classes, eat, sleep and study here attempting to reach a goal. Why not have a little flavor and excitement... more cultural events, BBQ's, pep rallies and some Monarch pride and unity? I desire to serve and make your stay here exciting no matter what year plan you're on.

**Shelley Pasternak for Commissioner of Athletics:**

Who missed having a good homecoming? Who missed the spirit? Who missed the fun? Wake up LAVC and vote for Shelley Pasternak for Commissioner of Athletics. I love sports and I would like to have more events for the spectator. I always hear, "this college is dead," "We don't do anything." So let's do something! Vote for Shelley Pasternak for Commissioner of Athletics and watch LAVC wake up!

### ASU Executive Council Candidates:

**Office:**

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Comm. of Athletics

Comm. of Environmental Concerns

Comm. of Cultural and Ethnic Affairs

Comm. of Evening Division

Comm. of Fine Arts

Comm. of Political Affairs

Comm. of Public Relations

Comm. of Student and Social Affairs

**Candidates:**

Joel Feldman  
Lorenzo Trujillo  
Serak Khatchadorian  
Isaac Cuevas  
Shelley Pasternak  
Craig Tokunaga  
Wilma Monroe  
Alison Scallorns  
Maureen Delany  
Colleen Flynn  
Limor Isaaks  
Inetra Brazil

## Brilliant Hale-Bopp Streaks the North Sky

By DEREK E. MARTIN  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The anticipation of an extremely brilliant show from comet Hale-Bopp is becoming an event for professional and amateur astronomers alike. On April 1, Hale-Bopp will make its closest orbital approach (perihelion) to the sun, a distance of 91 million miles. It will become the brightest comet viewed since 1811, "The Great Comet," Flaugergues.

Since the discovery of Hale-Bopp on July 23, 1995 by Astronomer Dr. Alen Hale of New Mexico and Thomas Bopp an amateur astronomer from Arizona, both have become immortalized by their discovery and will not soon be forgotten.

Hale-Bopp has become over 200 times brighter than Haley's Comet, which was last viewed in 1986. Comet Hale-Bopp has become such an exceptionally eas-

ily seen object that it makes it hard to miss. Through April 15 will be the best time for anyone to see the comet. The new moon that will occur April 7 will definitely make Hale-Bopp stand out and eliminate any extra unwanted light which the moon can cause and usually making for poor viewing conditions.

Comet Hale-Bopp has been visible to the trained naked eye since mid 1995, but with every passing day, its approach has become an increasing pleasure to astro-buffs and star gazers across the world. Indubitably, this is the comet that everyone should take the time to at least see once, if not a couple of times.

No special equipment is required to see Hale-Bopp, just the ability to want to get up early enough to poke your head outside. If you live somewhere outside of the city your viewing pleasure will be greatly enhanced, but it can be seen within the city.

It's not hard to notice in the early morning in the north-northeast sky, approximately 25 degrees above the horizon. It is visible at 1 1/2 hours just before dawn. If you are willing to take a couple of photographs of this comet, all you will need to do is set up a tripod with a 35mm camera with wide open aperture for only 20 to 30 seconds of exposure. The end result will be a truly beautiful photo of your own to keep and cherish.

Comet Hale-Bopp has two distinct tails that can easily be seen with the unaided eye, one is just slightly fainter than the other. The fainter tail is slightly bluish in color and is actually a gas jet created by particles made to fluoresce (to glow) by solar radiation, which will appear on the upper or northern portion of the comet, but may be hard to detect in the city. The major portion, the dust tail, is created when dust and gas from the coma (the glowing head) are

blown back, away from the sun, by solar winds. Although, the nucleus (inner dusty, icy core) of the comet is approximately 25 miles in diameter, its radiant glow is 1.5 million miles wide, wider in fact than the diameter of the sun, and the length is over 21 million miles long.

Hale-Bopp will not return for 4386 years, which means, unless another one like this is discovered soon with a greater potential for a spectacular show, you will not

want to miss Hale-Bopp.

The Sidewalk Astronomers, a non-profit organization, will present two Hale-Bopp viewing events Saturday and April 5 in the Los Angeles area. There will be a large selection of telescopes for the entire family available for viewing free of charge. Contact Derek Martin at (818) 901-1869.

Derek Martin is an amateur astronomer or "astro-buff," as he calls himself, and a photography student at Valley College.

## JOBS:



### PART-TIME HOURS EVENING/WEEKEND SHIFTS

Gather public opinions over the phone for West Coast's largest research firm. Must have XLNT English skills or be fluent in a second language.

Human Resources:  
16005 Sherman Way #203  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
818.904.0372



### Lifeguard & Swim Teacher DOLPHIN SWIM SCHOOL Spring & Summer Jobs

Lifeguard \$7.99/hour  
Swim Teacher \$10.12/hour  
Flexible Hours - F/T or P/T

Call: Greg 818.379.3361

### Part-Time Drivers

Morning Hours  
Before Class

\$10.00 per hour  
Call

818.888.9380

### Business Opportunity

Make Big Profits! Sell over 2,500 fast-selling items at swap meets, retail stores, parties, to friends, etc. For FREE info, call Mike at 818.508.0271

### MARKET RESEARCH

Interview customers in Sherman Oaks Fashion Square Mall.

Experienced or Will Train, FT/PT. \$6.50 per hour. All shifts available.

CALL:  
818.727.7494 or  
818.784.9119

## Classified

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175.  
Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys,  
BMWs, Corvettes. Also Jeeps,  
4WDs. Your Area. Toll Free  
1.800.218.9000 Ext. R-7825 for  
current listings.

\$1000's POSSIBLE READING  
BOOKS. Part Time.  
At Home. Toll Free  
1.800.218.9000 Ext. R-7825  
for listings.

\$1000's POSSIBLE TYPING.  
Part Time. At Home. Toll  
Free 1.800.218.9000 Ext. T-  
7825 for listings.

GOV'T FORCLOSED HOMES  
from pennies on \$1. Delinquent  
Tax, Repos, REOs. Your area.  
Toll Free 1.800.218.9000 Ext.  
H7825 for current listing.

APT. FOR RENT  
2-Bed, Pool/Spa, Air  
\$775.00/mo.  
North Hollywood  
Call Toni 818.889.5103

Room for Rent Near LAVC.  
FURNISHED  
Lg room/Lg closet in 2 bed/1  
bath apt. AC/POOL/Laundry.  
Full kitchen priviledges.  
Must have own phone. Female  
preferred. NO drugs. \$325/mo  
+ 1/2 util. + \$40 dep.  
818.980.8647

# OPINION

4 Thursday, March 27, 1997

Valley Star

## A PERSPECTIVE ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

By ALLEN COCHRANE  
STAR REPORTER

The basis of American law is the expression of the fundamental freedoms each citizen can expect without bias or exclusion.

Working in harmony with the laws of liberties, are the laws restricting the activities we have deemed to be outside the boundaries of legal prescription.

In America today, millions of new residents have broken these laws as their first act within the confines of the 50 states. By entering the country illegally they have rebuffed the ideals accepted

by the legal citizens of this nation who voted to create the system we stand by today.

Certainly, the majority of immigrants have nothing but honest intention and inspired aspirations for their future. However, the diversity of human nature is typical to all cultures, and the sad fact is some people consider a life that deviates from the protocols of law and order as perfectly acceptable.

This does not create an issue with culture, but a conflict caused by the negative impact of certain people and their individual choices. When people who choose not to

recognize the standards of society enter America, no matter what their ethnic background, we are weaker as a country because of it. The people of this country have a right to expect their standards of health and preventive care should also be met by those who would choose to enter America. Additionally, requesting some level of financial stability or self sufficiency is certainly not too much to expect from a new resident. Again, in many situations this is not the case and America suffers.

The state mandates a lengthy

list of prerequisites the legal immigrant must meet. The very nature of illegal immigration precludes the possibility of meeting many of these precautionary demands. When an illegal immigrant ignores the dictates of immigration guidelines, America becomes just another victim of injustice. We do not let strangers into our homes until we have determined something of their intent. Should we expect America to turn a blind eye to strangers who have crossed its threshold? In many cases it seems it has. The idea of restricting borders to people who

can prove they meet the criteria of honesty, health and ambition is not an idea based on prejudice but on common sense and what is best for America and the citizens within its boundaries.

Many people decry the idea of increasing restrictions or closing America's borders, assailing the idea as the dictates of paranoid isolationism. It is simply an expression of support for the laws the American citizens have embraced with their vote. A legal immigrant is given a variety of requisite checks which must be done in accordance with standard legal pro-

cedure. A police background check, fingerprinting and medical check go along with the ability to show proof of self sufficiency and potential employment upon entering America. If that is the law, then we should expect no less.

The simple fact is: the qualities, that could help immigration determine the viability of a potential new citizen are not available for assessment when someone enters illegally. If a person is bringing their problems to America, be they health, financial or criminal, then America should have the opportunity to say thanks, but no thanks.

## Liz Strikes Back Can't We All Get Along Already?

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ  
OPINION EDITOR

I am baffled by a problem that has existed throughout time. It is racism, I've never understood this concept. Racism has been the cause of suffering for millions of people throughout our existence. Why do humans feel the need to hate other people just because they are a different color?

Stupidity and ignorance are the causes of racism. If you take a look at a racist person, you will see the classic case: they don't have a job and little high school or no education, they are social outcasts and are generally unattractive. They are angry that nobody likes them, and they find someone to blame. Usually their scapegoats are people of other ethnic backgrounds.

People, when are you going to realize, the reason you are a loser is not because a black person, or other "minority," has taken your job, but because they have worked and studied hard for that job. You don't just deserve a job, regardless of your skin color, you have to work for it. Your laziness and shortcomings are not anybody else's fault but your own.

The immigrants are not taking all the jobs either, in fact they do the jobs most other people would not consider doing, like house cleaning, janitorial jobs and farm working—that has to be one of the hardest, least paying jobs, working under the blazing sun, for extremely long hours, earning less than minimum wage. You should appreciate that they do the dirty work for you. Would you ever take a job like that? I didn't think so.

In the past, people were incredi-

bly dead between the ears. For uncomprehendable reasons, they thought that they were superior to other races. Because of their pigheaded beliefs, they participated in horrendous activities like slavery, genocide and segregation. These racist jerks were responsible for the lives of many innocent people. It makes me want to cry when I learn about terrible things my fellow human beings had to go through.

The fact that these things happened, is terrifying and unfortunate, but let's face it, it was in the past. One cannot be angry about what happened years ago, it will not change anything. Being bitter just makes things worse. Instead, concentrate on the future. Learn from the mistakes people made and make sure they don't happen ever again.

People, if you believe that you

are superior because of your race, please don't teach your children that same ridiculous belief, you will just screw them up, then they will become losers like you too. If you truly love your kid then you will raise them as a loving and caring person who sees beyond the color of one's skin.

People, skin color means nothing. If you take a look at what is under the skin, you will see that we're made of the same material, muscles and bones. Be proud to be a human being. Besides, what really is important is a person's personality, the kindness of one's soul.

Instead of hating others because they are different, take the time to appreciate the beauty of other colors, cultures and ideas. You should be glad there is variety, it would be an incredibly boring world if everyone was the same color and had no other cultures.

## If I Wanted Your Opinion ...

This Week's Topic: Star Wars

By LEO SMITH  
STAR REPORTER

"Star Wars" just like the other sci-fi lot?

I say no.

The difference lies in the story and its characters, not its technology. Take, for example, 90 percent of the plots from "Star Trek" and you see man versus technology: where every bit of implausible equipment is explained away with some equally incomprehensible bit of technobabble: "Captain, I need another ten minutes to reinvent the laws of physics to save our keisters!"

Not only are the situations and explanations exceptionally ludicrous, but so are the most important bits of character development: personal interaction. Suffice to say, Princess Leia never considered bearing the love child of any Wookie.

That is where they fail, and "Star Wars" succeeds. "Star Wars" is a tale of struggle against oppression, good versus evil, the importance of character and fraternal twins kissing with open mouths.

What drives this tale is not the characters ability to best some

soulless machine or wormhole, "Star Wars" superiority lies in its morality, not its technology. Did Han ever explain how the Millennium Falcon worked or was he a little more concerned with obliterating the Empire and bagging Leia.

"Star Wars" works well because of its simplicity, its ability to impart a bit of ethics in-between lightsaber duels. Fantastic ships and locales were merely a vehicle to get a point across: good guys always whoop bad guy butt. When you're growing up, that is just the kind of spiritual reassurance you need, not some lame explanation for how a warp drive works.

Finally, I can't say how a new generation will react to these re-releases or, more importantly, the new trilogy. The point is, I believe that this generation is in as dire need of heroes as mine was. Oh, who am I kidding, kids today look to gangsters for inspiration. Well, a good dose of the Force should set them right.

Next Week: Non-Smokers

## Securing Valley College

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER

I don't know what it is about a dark secluded area at night, but sometimes I just don't feel safe.

What I'm referring to is that long, dark walkway known as the arcade that runs through campus. The lighting system is great over there, for daytime that is. At night, it's hopelessly inadequate and dangerously dark.

What about those people who have night classes there, shouldn't they feel safe also? The lighting system on campus is ridiculous. What do those bulbs run at, 10 watts?

It looks more like a club rather than a college campus. People can barely see their feet, let alone a would be attacker.

Well that's why we have cam-

pus police. That's great, but with only two to three officers on duty at a time, they can't be everywhere. Don't get me wrong, the police on campus are well trained and very capable of securing the campus for the most part, but this is a large campus with 16000 students.

The campus police showed what they were made of Feb. 5, when their sting operation apprehended would be car burglars and March 5, when they took control of a serious altercation that occurred after a basketball game.

So what I'm saying is: fix the lights. Also bring more officers on duty for each shift.

The largest and most important duty of the college and campus police is to provide the students with a safe environment to get an education.

These two improvements would do nothing but help campus police fulfill their duties on campus.

Newspaper Adviser ..... Ed Bond  
Advertising Adviser ..... Candy Nall

The *Valley Star* is published weekly throughout the school year by students of the Journalism and Photography classes using computers and Aldus Pagemaker.

Editorial and Advertising Offices are located at 5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91401, (818) 778-0276; Advertising: (818) 778-0239

The college newspaper is published as a learning experience, offered under the college journalism instructional program. The editorial and advertising materials published herein, including any opinions expressed, are the responsibility of the student newspaper staff. Under appropriate state and federal court decisions these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Accordingly, materials published herein, including any opinions expressed, should not be interpreted as the position of the Los Angeles Community College District, the college, or any officer or employee thereof.

## LETTERS \* LETTERS \* LETTERS \* LETTERS \* LETTERS

The *Valley Star* will receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or sexually oriented denigrations. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number. Letters may be left with the *Valley Star* at BJ 114 by Monday morning for the following Thursday.

# ENTERTAINMENT

Valley Star

Thursday, March 27, 1997 5

## To Lie Or Not To Lie

By LEO SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Has anyone seen this guy's spine?

As the lead in the new movie "Liar, Liar," Jim Carrey gives a bend over backwards performance that takes that old cliché to a whole new extreme.

In the most physically exhausting performance of his career, Carrey plays Fletcher Reede, a well meaning but undependable father to his son Max, played by Justin Cooper.

The first few minutes of the film lay out for the audience Reede's glaring inadequacies as a father, his unscrupulous dealings as a defense lawyer and jealous tendencies as an ex-husband.

The final Karmic straw is bro-

ken, however, when Fletcher, after making a promise to his son, misses the kid's fifth birthday in favor of a carnal tryst with the boss.

So, when Fletcher's son blows out the candles on his cake, he wishes that his dad could not lie for an entire day.

Fate decides it's time to slap this jerk of a father upside the head and grants that innocent wish.

Pain, confusion and flailing extremities ensue as Reede vainly attempts to stifle his new found integrity.

Imagine how drastically your own life would change if you could no longer tell even little white lies.

Now imagine you have to represent an openly adulterous wife, the busty Jennifer Tilly, in a case

that decides whether or not you make partner at your firm. If he ever needed to lie, today was the day.

So, what happens to a man whose entire existence is based on lying when that ability is stripped from him? Just make sure emergency medical technicians are on standby.

"Liar, Liar" is Carrey's return to top comic form after the critically panned "Cable Guy" and his homicidally bizarre performance as the Riddler in "Batman." If there is such a thing, this is vintage Carrey.

Seeing Fletcher Reede pummel and contort his body in order to squeak out just one little lie is hilarious.

Watching him do battle with his own hand after he fails to force it to write a lie is gut-busting funny.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Jim Carrey in "Liar, Liar," plays Fletcher Reede, a lying lawyer that is forced to do the unthinkable - tell the truth.

but his self effacing antics don't end there.

Whether he is kicking his own butt or stuffing his mouth with paper, Carrey delivers a non-stop comic extravaganza.

Still, amongst his own personal hell, Fletcher discovers that not

being able to lie has a silver lining.

It seems that not even Fletcher could tell when he was telling the truth or lying and this curse forces him to confront his own deeply suppressed emotions including the painful realization that he is a lousy father to Max and still in love

with his ex-wife Audrey, Maura Tierney.

However, all that touchy feely crap is still bench warming material next to the Rubber Man comedy of Carrey.

After all, isn't that what everyone is going to see?



David Baldwin/Valley Star  
Jeff Foxworthy at Valley College filming "Field of Schemes."

## TV Star Goes Movie Star at Valley

By DAVID BALDWIN  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Actor Jeff Foxworthy filmed his movie "Field of Schemes," at the baseball field Monday and Tuesday.

"It is so nice to go to work doing work that you like and it is a nice place to go to work," Foxworthy said about his experience working on the movie and his show.

The movie is scheduled to air May 5 on NBC.

Foxworthy revealed his greatest secret, soon to be known to the entire world, as he bent over and ripped his pants when taping a scene for his show.

Foxworthy repaired his ripped pants with masking tape, a classic move for a "redneck," the role he is known for. The tape was wrapped around him from his belt

in front, through the crotch and up the back of his pants to his belt in the back. Foxworthy walked around with the masking tape a great deal of the time while filming his movie while extras laughed.

Foxworthy is most commonly known for his "redneck" jokes. His current favorite joke is, "If your working television sits on top of your non-working television, you might be a redneck," he said. "I got the idea when my grandpa bought a new TV because his old one died after about 15 years. He set it right on top of the console and started watching it."

Foxworthy has the first ten "redneck" jokes he ever wrote on his wall, but now he has over 3,000 of them, he said.

"I think this show is so close to being me," Foxworthy said. The Jeff Foxworthy Show is televised Monday evenings on NBC.



Maria Ivey/Valley Star  
Conductor Michael Mertens leads his orchestra during the LAVC wind ensemble concert Sunday which highlighted Academy Award movie themes.

## Concert Honors Oscar

By LIZ BARRETT  
STAFF REPORTER

In celebration of the 69th annual Oscar Awards, the Los Angeles Valley College Wind Ensemble put together a show recognizing the great movie scores of old. The performance took place in Valley's Little Theatre on March 23 at 7 p.m.

Director Michael Mertens led LAVC musicians through a program that contained such hits as the theme from "Laurel of Arabia," "An American in Paris," and "Robin Hood."

The flutes played delicately throughout the program as the drums pounded loudly and the

clarinets gathered together in a harmonious tune while playing favorites like "Moon River" from "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Light and airy tunes filled the Little Theatre while "Irish Tune from County Derry" and "Shepherd's Hey" were played.

At the close of the production, the musicians were applauded three times for their uplifting and melodious performance.

Although the turnout was not very large, the ensemble was being enjoyed by all that were there.

Future concerts include the LAVC Jazz Band at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, and pianist Solon Pierce on Thursday, April 10 at 11 a.m.

**Have a great and safe  
SPRING BREAK!**

From the Valley Star and Dear Ali

## \*\*\* Bookstore Sale \*\*\*

**Don't miss this great deal!**

**INVENTORY CLEARANCE - ALL CLOTHING PRICED TO SELL!!**

**30% to 50% OFF MOST PRICES**

**SELECTED BACKPACS ONLY \$5, \$10, \$15**

**See our new section of: Best Seller Books - 15% Off**

**IDG 'DUMMY' Books - 15% Off**

**HURRY!! THE SALE IS HAPPENING NOW - ONLY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

# SPORTS

6 Thursday, March 27, 1997

Valley Star

## Monarch Swimmers Stroke Past College of the Canyons

■ Valley College swim team placed first in 22 events at Friday's meet.

Carola Danielsson/Valley Star

By BEN ALTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Valley Monarch swimming and diving teams took to the water and defeated the College of the Canyons, Friday.

"The women's 200 yard medley relay and the men's 400 yard medley relay are very important," Coach William Krauss said. "We have to come out strong in those two races and set a pace for the rest of the meet."

Well, they did just that, as the Monarchs won both of the medley relays the women had a combined time of 2:14.4 and the men had a time of 4:02.3.

The divers saw an easy day and victory, as they dove uncontested by divers from Canyons. The women won the one meter diving competition with a score of 8-0 and the men with a score of 5-0. The three meter competition gave both Valley teams an additional seven points each.

In the men's 200 yard butterfly swimmer Aaron Robinson qualified for the state tournament with a time of 2:00.8, more than 30 seconds faster than the second place finisher.

Robinson also swam in the 500 yard free style, finishing first with a time of 5:15.6. That was almost 50 seconds faster than the closest swimmer.

The standout performer for the women was Jenifer Kaufmann. Kaufmann finished first in the 200 yard medley relay, the 100 yard free style, the 50 yard backstroke, and finished second in the 50 yard free style, with times of 2:14.4 (team time), 1:01.2, 31.7 and 27.8 respectively.

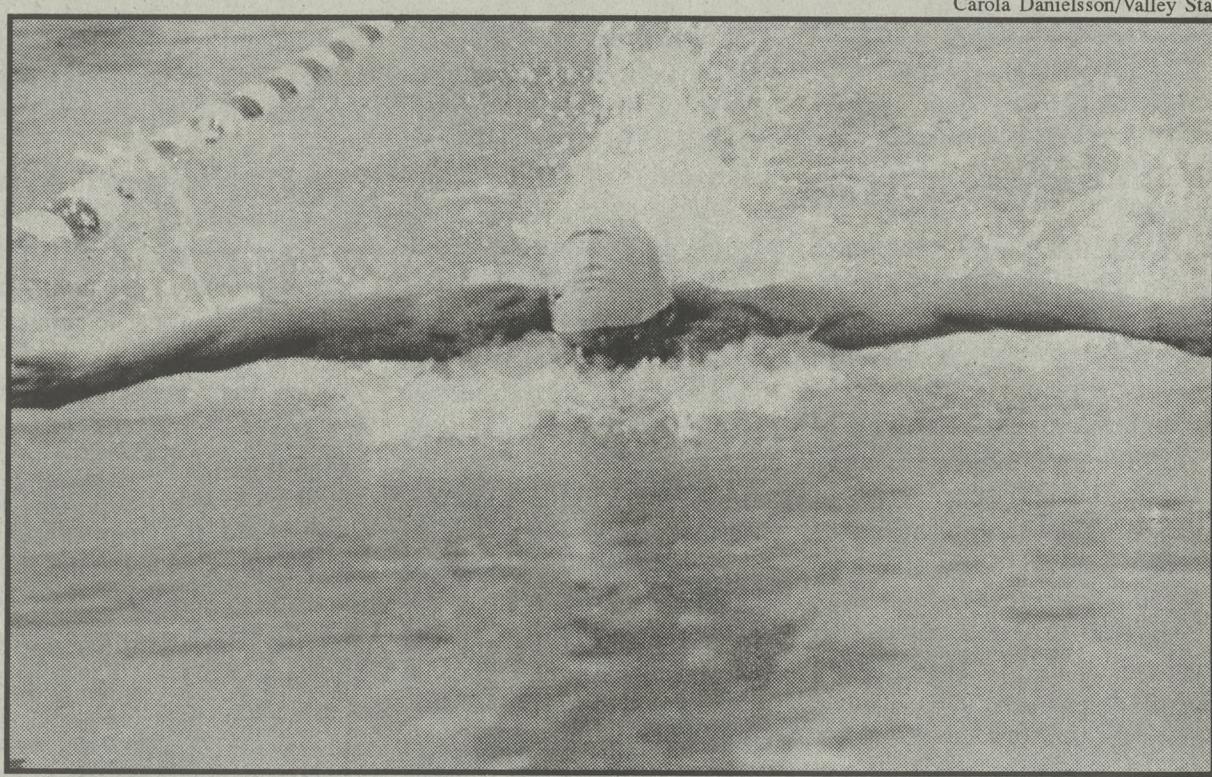
Other great performances came from Cynthia MacInnes and Chris Wilson, who both had two first place finishes. MacInnes won both the 100 yard backstroke and the 100 yard individual medley, with times of 1:10.4 and 1:11.9. She also

helped Kaufmann, Kari Rittmiller and Anna Hartsfield with the first place finish in the 200 yard medley.

Wilson won the 200 yard free style and the 100 yard free style, with times of 1:56.3 and 51.7.

Other top finishers for the women included Hartsfield winning the 200 yard individual medley, the 500 yard free style and taking second in the 100 yard butterfly, with times of 2:36.8, 6:05.6 and 1:10.6.

Also, Rittmiller finished with a first place in the 50 yard breaststroke, with a time of 36.8 and second places in the 100 yard breaststroke and the 50 yard butterfly, with times of 1:19.2 and 35.8. The men's other top finishers included Nate Burris, who took a first place in the 200 yard individual medley and the 200 yard backstroke with times of 2:13.3 and 2:17.6. Alfred Khoshnudyan had a



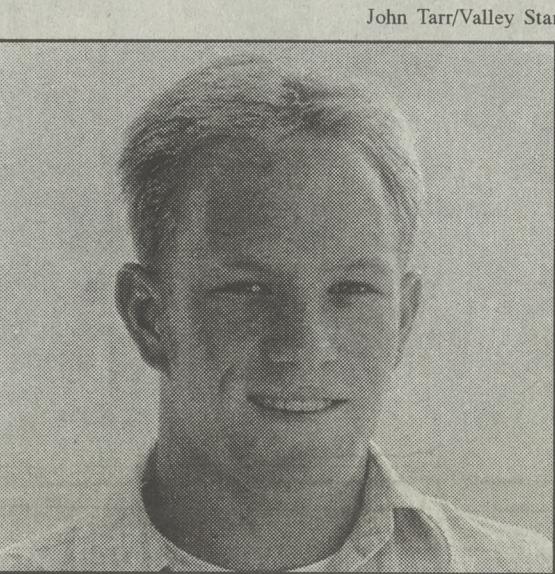
Swimmer Aaron Robinson adds another first place finish to his record book, as he wins convincingly the men's 200 yard butterfly.

first place finish in the 50 yard free style and a second place finish in the 100 free style, with times of 23.7 and 54.6. The other men's standout was Lupe Sanchez, who

finished with a first place finish in the 200 yard breaststroke and a second place finish in the 200 yard individual medley, with times of 2:28 and 2:19.5.

These great performances combined gave the Monarchs the overall victory. The men finished with a score of 75-24 and the women with a score of 87-53.

John Tarr/Valley Star



Jennifer Kaufmann  
Swimmer With Fire in her Heart

By BEN ALTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

She swims like a mermaid and has a love of fighting fire.

Who is she? She is Monarch swimmer Jenifer Kaufmann.

Kaufmann is a sophomore at Valley College and said she hopes to go on to the Rio Hondo Fire Academy to train as a firefighter.

She has been swimming since she was nine years old, along with her two older sisters who are also swimmers.

Swimming has been a huge part of Kaufmann's life. In general, she practices at least two hours a day.

Other parts of her training include aerobics and weight training.

"Swimming takes up a lot of my time, and life," Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann swam all four years of high school on the varsity team at Glendale High. She also played softball for a short time.

She said she would like to try out for the Olympics, but said that she is too old at 19.

In her free time Kaufmann works at a coffee shop and is a Junior High youth leader at her church. She also likes to read and play the guitar.

"Jenifer is one of the premiere swimmers on the team," Coach William Krauss said. "She was an all-American last year, and if she keeps swimming like she has been, could be one this year."

John Tarr/Valley Star

Aaron Robinson  
All-American Swimmer at Valley

By BEN ALTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Aaron Robinson, a sophomore swimmer for the Valley Monarch swim team, keeps things rolling along with first place after first place.

Robinson has been swimming competitively since he was eight years old, and swimming in general since he was four.

Robinson swam all four years of high school at El Camino Real High.

Robinson said he is working toward the Olympics. He tried for the junior nationals, but missed qualifying by two-tenths of a second. He was also an all-American last year in the 1650 free style, 400 individual medley and the 200 butterfly, which he said is his best event.

His workouts usually consists of four hours of swimming, which he splits between Valley and the club team that he also swims for. He also adds endurance and weight training to his regimen.

"Aaron is one of our top swimmers," Coach William Krauss said. "He works very hard towards swimming, coming to practice here every morning at 6:30 and then going to his club team's practice. He has a lot of heart and doesn't quit."

Swimming is a big priority in his life, Robinson said. Besides swimming, Robinson likes mountain biking, hanging out with his friends and basically relaxing.

Robinson wants to enter the medical field and would like to transfer to the University of California at San Diego.

### LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN



1-800-USA-NAVY  
www.navyjobs.com

### Spring Break Sporting Events

Sport	Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Baseball	April 1	Oxnard	2:30	Valley
	April 3	Moorpark	2:30	Moorpark
	April 5	Santa Barbara	1:00	Valley
	April 8	Ventura	2:30	Ventura
Softball	April 1	Bakersfield	3:30	Valley
	April 3	Santa Monica	3:30	Santa Monica
	April 8	Moorpark	3:30	Valley
	April 4	Rio Hondo	2:30	Valley
Swimming/ Diving	April 5	Riverside Track Classic	2:00	UC Riverside
	April 9	WSC Mini-Meet #4	2:00	Moorpark
Track				